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-- THE CHINESE SIDE HAS INFORMED US THAT THE REQUEST FOR
CONSULAR VISIT TO MR. WU IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT
HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED. MR. WU'S PRECISE LOCATION AND

CONDITION HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED. WE HAVE NOT BEEN
INFORMED OF ANY FORMAL CHARGES OR OF MR. WU'S IMMINENT
RELEASE OR DEPORTATION. GIVEN THE TIME THAT HAS ELAPSED
THESE RESPONSES ARE UNACCEPTABLE

-- ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 35 OF THE U.S. CHINA BILATERAL
CONSULAR CONVENTION, A CONSULAR VISIT SHALL TAKE PLACE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT, AT THE LATEST, SHALL NOT BE REFUSED
AFTER 7 DAYS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH EITHER GOVERNMENT
NOTIFIES THE OTHER OF A DETENTION

-- WE BELIEVE ALL COUNTRIES HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROMPT
CONSULAR ACCESS TO NATIONALS DETAINED IN OTHER COUNTRIES
AS CONTEMPLATED BY SUCH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AS THE
VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS BILATERAL
CONSULAR AGREEMENTS, OR CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
PRACTICE.

-- OUR SPECIFIC CONCERN FOR MR. WU IS GREAT BUT WE ARE
ALSO GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF CHINESE
VIOLATION OF OUR BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION. THE
UNITED STATES AND CHINA ARE ALSO PARTIES TO THE
MULTILATERAL VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS
ARTICLE 36 OF WHICH PROVIDES FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO
DETAINED OR ARRESTED NATIONALS

-- THE UNITED STATES WOULD WELCOME YOUR GOVERNMENT
INSTRUCTING YOUR AMBASSADOR TO BEIJING TO DEMAND THE
CHINESE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING SIMILAR CONCERNS ABOUT THE

SPECIFIC ISSUE OF CONSULAR ACCESS.

-- THE UNITED STATES WOULD ALSO WELCOME YOUR GOVERNMENT
RAISING THE CASE OF HARRY WU IN THIS CONTEXT. PERHAPS
SUGGESTING THAT CHINA'S HANDLING OF THE CASE RAISES
QUESTIONS ABOUT CHINESE COMMITMENT TO HONORING
INTERNATIONAL CONSULAR PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO ALL CHINESE
NATIONALS.

-- THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES ANY HELP YOU CAN OFFER
UNDERSCORING WITH THE CHINESE THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF
HONORING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ON CONSULAR MATTERS

END TALKING POINTS.

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